of each before exemption/concession given and what was afterwards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The names of bulk drugs and finished medicines on which customs duty has been reduced or exempted during the last three years, are given in the various customs notifications issued by the Ministry of Finance, which are published from time to time in the official Gazette copies of which are available in the Parliament library. The respective customs duty as mentioned in the notification is applicable from the date of its notification.

(c) and (d) The major objectives of duty rationalisation is to encourage production from more basic stage and thereby save foreign exchange. The number of bulk drugs and formulations which are not under price control under DPCO, 1987 run into thousands and hence time and labour involved in compilation of information asked for will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Liabilities of Companies

4170. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 397 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 1993, and state :

(a) what are the total number of companies from whom the amount of liabilities are to be recovered;

(b) what are the basis on which recovery notices were sent to collector as arrears of land Revenue only in two cases; and

(c) what are the reasons for not referring other cases to Collector for recovery under Revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The liability of Sixty-seven cases amounting to Rs. 254.38 crores has been worked out and has been communicated, out of which in five cases, companies have discharged their full liabilities and in other four cases companies have deposited 50% of their liability as per Court Orders.

(b) Because in these two cases, the companies did not honour the Orders of Bombay High Court.

(c) Most of the companies have either challenged the liability before the Court or have disputed the computation of the liability. After finalising their liabilities, action would be taken to recover the amount including recoveries through Collector as arrears of land revenue.

Antibiotic outside price control

4171. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 393 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 1993, and state :

(a) whether the names of antibiotics cleared after 1986 from marketing, which are outside price control;

(b) what are the names of producers of each and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the present price of each drug;

(d) what are the names of antibiotics formulations which are being imported and which of them are outsides price control;

(e) what are the names of importers of each and what was the quantity of each imported during the last three years, year-wise and what was the CIF price;

(f) whether any of these formulations are exempted from custom duty; and

(g) if so, the names of these formulations and what was the price of each before duty exemption and present price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) To the extent information is available names of antibiotics cleared from January, 1988 upto 31-12-1992 for marketing and outside the price control are as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of Drug
1.	Ceftriaxone Sodium
2.	Minocycline
3.	Cefuroxime
4.	Ceftazidime Pentahydrate
5.	Cefadroxyl
6.	Pipercillin Sodium
7.	Cefuroxime Axetil
8.	Ceftizoxime Sod.Sterile
9.	Cefaclor

(b) Names of the companies, who have been licensed to produce these antibiotics and formulations based thereon during the period are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the antibiotic/ formulation
1.	M/s. Glaxo India	(i) Cefuraxime Inj. (ii) Ceftazidime
2.	M/s. Lupin Labs.	(i) Cephadrexil Monohydrate and its formulations.

Production details of these antibiotics are not monitored.

(c) These antibiotics are not price controlled.

(d) to (g) Imports of bulk drugs and finished formulations are not monitored. Exemption from custom duty on imported formulations are given by the Ministry of Finance on the advice of Director General Health Services and necessary notifications are issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance.

Clearance for Consumption of Imported Drugs and Medicines

4172. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs and medicines are being imported as per pharmacopeial specifications and are allowed for clearance for consumption accordingly;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed higher prices based on superior quality while fixing the prices of finished medicines than the average weighted prices of drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the names of drugs and medicines where higher prices were allowed during the last three years, year-wise and what are the details of specific difference in quality than others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Samples from drugs & medicines are tested according to Second Schedule of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules 1945 and in case the drug is not included in the India Pharmacopoeia, it is tested in accordance with the official pharmacopoeia of any other country. Biological and other special products specified in Schedule 'C' of Schedule C(1) of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules have to comply with the standards specified in Schedule 'F' of F(1) of the said Schedule.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, there has been one case where, for determining the ceiling price of Carbamazapine Syrup 2% 50 ml. paediatric syrup for epilepsy, the price allowed for the imported bulk drug Carbamazapine was higher than the DGHS weighted average prices in view of the need for special quality.

Producers of Price-controlled antibiotics

4173. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the producers of each of price controlled antibiotics and what was the production of each during last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the stage from which each is producing and what is the name of intermediate or penultimate in case of production from these stages of each drug and which of them enjoys custom duty reduction;

(c) what was the price of each of these antibiotics before DPCO 1987 and what is the present price and when the price of each was revised; and

(d) what are the present leader prices of formulations based on each and what was the price before DPCO 1987 and when was each revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Details of production in the organised sector during the last three years and approved starting stages are given in the Statement (*see* below). Out of the approved starting materials indicated in the Annexe, only Pen. G first crystals (if imported for manufacture of 6-APA/7-ADCA, their related bulk drugs) and Rifa-S enjoy reduced customs duty of nil and 25% respectively.

(c) and (d) Prices of all controlled bulk drugs and ceiling prices of formulations based on controlled bulk drugs are notified in the Gazette of India from time to time copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.